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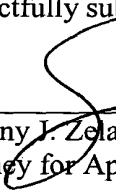
**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to Office communication dated July 28, 2003, enclosed is a copy of the missing original Japanese publication, i.e., JP 50-007495.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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